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MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrators, Day Care Facilities for Adults

FROM: Jerry L. Paul, Director
Division of Health Licensing 

SUBJECT: Provider-Wide Exception – Emergency/Sick Beds

Section D.1.f of Regulation 61-75, Standards for Licensing Day Care Facilities for Adults, requires that "A bed with springs, a mattress and pillow shall be provided for emergency or sick participants at the ratio of one bed per 10 licensed participants or fraction thereof. Private room(s), cubicle curtains, portable partitions, or other means to insure privacy of participants when utilizing the bed(s), shall be provided."

As evidenced by information obtained from providers, emergency or sick beds are typically used infrequently. In the interest of establishing reasonable standards that can be met by providers and yet do not compromise the health and well-being of the participants cared for in day care facilities for adults, it has been determined that alternative standards will be considered as acceptable.

All day care facilities for adults will be required to meet the standard outlined in the licensing standards, i.e., R61-75, Section D.1.f that requires an emergency/sick bed ratio to be one bed per 10 licensed participants or fraction thereof, or, as an alternative:

The emergency/sick bed ratio shall be one bed per 20 licensed participants or fraction thereof provided the emergency/sick beds that are required in the facility be set up, ready for use (not made-up roll-away beds in storage).

This exception applies to any day care facility for adults licensed by the Department. It relates solely to SC licensing standards. Any adverse condition(s) that may be related to this exception may result in revocation of the exception by the Department.

If there are any questions regarding the above, please call George Moore at (803) 737-7232.

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